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DEAREST LOTTIE:
WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED MAIL IN QUITE A FEW DAYS NOW. WE EXPECT SOME TO-DAY THOUGH.
IT'S NOW 11 AM, AND MY PLATOON IS UP AT THE DROP AREA, WHERE THE C-47'S DROPPED US RATIONS, 10 IN 1, THIS MORNING. WHEN THEY DROP THEM THEY FALL ALL OVER THE HILLSIDE, AND WE HAVE TO FIND THEM AND PILE THEM AT A DESIGNATED POINT FOR DISTRIBUTION. IT'S SURE A JOB, BUT FOOD IS FOOD. RIGHT?
OUR KITCHEN FINALLY GOT UP TO US YESTERDAY, AND WE HAD OUR FIRST MEAL THIS MORNING, I.E., OUR FIRST HOT MEAL. WE WILL

GET TWO HOT MEALS A DAY NOW.
THEY CAN'T DROP "B" RATIONS FROM
A PLANE, BECAUSE THEY'LL BURST OPEN.
SO WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE OUT WITH
TWO PER DAY, PLUS "10 IN 1" RATIONS.
SOME "10 IN 1" ARE REALLY
GOOD. THEY HAVE CANDY, HAM-
BURGER, (KOSHER, MOTHER; BEEF, NOT PORK),
AND SOME GOOD FRUIT CAKE. IT'S
BAGGOSE. WE HEAT IT ALL. IT
HAS CORN, PEAS, BUTTER, CRACKERS,
AND PLUM-RICE PUDDING, ALSO.
THIS MORNING WE CUT STEPS
UP THE MOUNTAIN TO OUR LATRINE.
YESTERDAY WE HAD TO BUILD
A BRIDGE AGAIN OVER THE
CREEK, BECAUSE ONE OF THE
BIG SHOTS DIDN'T LIKE IT. AND
WE BUILT STEPS DOWN THE HILL
WITH POLES. SOME WORK EH?

WE'RE HAVING AN ORDNANCE
INSPECTION TO-DAY, AND I HAVE
MY GUN AND TRENCH KNIFE
ALL OILED. WE REALLY HAVE
TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF OUR WEA-
PONS OVER HERE, BECAUSE IN THIS
CLIMATE THEY RUST EASILY. WE'RE
JUST LIKE GARISON ON THIS SIDE
OF THE RIVER, WHICH ON THE OTHER
SIDE A FIERCE BATTLE RAGES.
SOUNDS SORT OF SILLY, DON'T IT?
YESTERDAY 4 OF THE BOYS
LEFT FOR HOME ON THE POINT
SYSTEM. TO-DAY I MORE LEFT. ALL
HAVE CHILDREN. SEE? BUT I STILL
BELIEVE I'LL BE HOME FOR XMAS.
JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE. I NOW HAVE
"80" HUGE, LARGE, BROWN POINTS.
BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

LOVE,
HAROLD

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME
FOOD AND COCA-COLA!